

occasion, and would appeal to me for enlightenment upon points which they could not understand; and then when I illustrated these points by stories and incidents, they would usually need further enlightenment about some of the expressions I used in telling the stories, and they would evidently solemnly write or tell one another just what these expressions were. Accordingly, after the usual formal and perfunctory conversation with the new king or crown prince, or whoever it was, he would, with a little preliminary maneuvering, ask me if I would mind repeating the story I had told some preceding king about this, that, or the other frontier hero who had afterward become a public servant holding my commission—wishing to know just how and why it was that Benjamin Franklin Daniels, afterward Marshal of Arizona, had his ear "bit off" in the course of the exercise of his duties as peace officer, or why Hon. Seth Bullock, who was Marshal in South Dakota, and was to meet me in London, had regarded homicide as a regrettable but inevitable incident of a political career in territorial days; or he might (and in two cases actually did) say "I beg your pardon, but I do not quite understand what is a two-gun man," which would necessitate a brief review of the exercise of the right of private war under primitive conditions in the Far "West, and the advantages accruing to the cause of virtue if its special champion was able to use a revolver in either hand. All these small kings had vague ambitions, which they knew would never be

gratified, for
military distinction, and hunting dangerous
game, and they
always had questions to put about the
Spanish War and
the African trip. They also all stood distinctly
in awe of
the German Kaiser, who evidently liked to drill
them; and
both the big and the small ones felt much
jealousy of one
another, and at the same time felt joined
together and
sundered from all other people by their social
position.

Before I had seen them I had realized in a
vague way that
a king's life nowadays must be a very limited
life; but the
realization was brought home to me very
closely on this
trip. I can understand a woman's liking to be
queen fairly